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For: ROTATING/NON-ROTATING TIBIA
BASE PLATE/INSERT SYSTEM

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT DATED JULY 20, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 26, 2006, for which the one-month date for response is August 20, 2006.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-28, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2108.003700.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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